Losses by Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd

1295. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:
SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:
DR. ASIM BALA:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will tne PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited is sustaining loss continuously;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the approximate amount required in setting up of a similar unit;

(d) whether the IDPL is not getting patronage from the Government Hospitals for its products;

(e) if so, the reasons thereof;

(f) whether the company is going to be sold out or closed down;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to make up the losses and to revamp the unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited(IDPL) has been incurring losses for past several years. The net loss incurred by the company was Rs. 42.74 crores in 1989-90 and Rs. 88.26 crores in 1990-91. The major reasons for losses are high wage component, low capacity utilisation, obsolescence in technology, high interest burden and fixed costs, non-availability of raw materials and the constraints of working capital.

(c) The cost of setting up of a similar unit would be approximately Rs. 400 crores.

(d) and (e). The average share of IDPL in the estimated Central/State Government annual purchases of medicines is 10%. There is no special patronage of preference in Government purchases to IDPL.

(f) to (h). There is no proposal of either sale or closing down of IDPL at present. The package for improvement in the performance of IDPL would involve stepping up of capacity utilisation, emphasis on higher sales, exports, increase in efficiencies by savings on services and utilities, cost reduction, improvement in the system of collection of outstanding dues and voluntary retirement schemes etc. Besides, it would involve heavy investments, write-off of Government loans and funds for working capital.

Change of Syllabus by UPSC

1297. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Public Service Commission has made any changes in the syllabus for the subject of Political Science and International Relations for the Civil Services Examination;

(b) whether the academic bodies have represented to the UPSC in this context; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The new scheme of

Civil Services Examination was introduced in the Year 1979 replacing the erstwhile Indian Administrative Service etc. Examination. The subject of Political Science and International Relations has been in the scheme of Civil Services Examination from the year 1979 itself - as Political Science' for the Civil Services (Preliminiary) Examination and as 'Political Science and International Relations' for the Civil Services (Main) Examination.

(b) and (c). The syllabi for the subjects included in the schemes of various examinations conducted by the Commission are reviewed and revised from time to time. Suggestions are received by the Commission from different quarters for incorporating changes in the syllabi of various subject(s) included in the schemes of different examinations. These are taken into account at the time of revision of the syllabus of the relevant subject.

Unauthorised Colonies in Delhi

1298. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unauthorised colonies which came up in Delhi during 1990 and 1991; and

(b) the steps taken to safeguard the interests of the investors and to prevent such unauthorised colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No survey of unauthorised colonies which came up during 1990 and 1991 has since been carried out.

(b) Action against unauthorised construction is taken under various provisions of existing Acts, namely Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, Delhi Development Act, etc.

New Registration by DDA

1299. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority propose to launch some new schemes for allotment of flats under General Category; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Considering the heavy backlog under the on-going schemes, it is not proposed to undertake fresh registration in the near future.

Supply of Coal

1300. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether middling and rejected coal extracted from the captive mines given to TISCO and shown as having been supplied to their ancillary units/companies/concerns is, in fact, being sold at premium at arbitrary prices in the market;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any inquiry to know the factual position;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof stating the steps contemplated by the Government in the matter;

(d) whether Government propose to supply such coal to the Bihar State Mineral Development Corporation; and